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To: All Interested Parties

Subject: TUBERCULOSIS TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE ENTERING CALIFORNIA

California recently was downgraded from a Tuberculosis (TB) Accredited Free State to a Modified Accredited Advanced State. To protect our cattle industries and assist in regaining our TB Free Status, it has been necessary to implement emergency TB test requirements on cattle entering California. Specifically, these regulations require:

- All dairy breeding cattle over 6 months of age must be TB tested within 60 days prior to entry into California. **Exceptions:** California cattle returning to this State, individually identified cattle going directly to officially inspected slaughter facilities, and cattle from TB Accredited Free herds.
- All cattle originating from Michigan must be from an Accredited Free herd or have a negative whole herd TB test within the last 12 months, and have a negative individual TB test within 60 days prior to entry. All cattle will be quarantined and retested 61 to 120 days after the last test upon entry into California. Bison, goats and cervids originating from Michigan have additional requirements - contact the Animal Health Branch for current requirements.

Please ensure that cattle moving into California after August 15, 2003, meet these requirements. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Animal Health Branch at (916) 651-6278.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

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